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Form 990  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation) The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements	OMB No 1545-0047 2009 Open to Public Inspection
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A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2009 and ending 06-30-2010			
B Check if applicable ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization LAND STEWARDSHIP PROJECT	D Employer identification number 41-1466054
		Doing Business As	E Telephone number (612) 722-6377
		Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 821 EAST 35TH STREET No 200	G Gross receipts \$ 2,180,583
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55407	
		F Name and address of principal officer George Boody 821 EAST 35TH STREET No 200 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55407	H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No H(b) Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶
I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c) (3) ◀(insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527			
J Website: ▶ WWW.LANDSTEWARDSHIPPROJECT.ORG			
K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶		L Year of formation 1982	M State of legal domicile MN

Part I	Summary
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Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities LAND STEWARDSHIP PROJECT WORKS TO FOSTER AN ETHIC OF STEWARDSHIP TOWARD FARMLAND IN THE UNITED STATES, TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, AND DEVELOP HEALTHY COMMUNITIES		
	2	Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 3 12		
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 12		
5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a) 5 27			
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 6 300			
7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 . . . 7a 0			
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 . . . 7b 0			
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	1,593,166	1,399,995
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	86,949	168,822
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	9,928	273,897
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	352	1,599
			1,690,395	1,844,313
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)		0
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	965,462	1,104,252
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶87,425		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	431,924	423,587
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,397,386	1,527,839
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	293,009	316,474
Net Assets or Fund Balances			Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	1,508,189	1,818,578
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	114,295	123,394
	22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	1,393,894	1,695,184

Part II	Signature Block
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Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge			
	***** Signature of officer		2011-03-16 Date	
	George Boody Executive Director Type or print name and title			
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ▶ ALLYSON	Date 2011-03-16	Check if self-employed ▶ ☐	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶	MAHONEYULBRICHCHRISTIANSEN & RUSS PA 30 EAST PLATO BOULEVARD SAINT PAUL, MN 551071809		EIN ▶
				Phone no ▶ (651) 227-6695

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization’s mission

The Land Stewardship Project (LSP) fosters an ethic of stewardship toward farmland, promotes sustainable agriculture and develops healthy communities LSP wants more successful, stewardship farmers raising both livestock and crops on the land LSP believes by working together, culturally and racially diverse rural and urban people can take practical steps that result in greater stewardship of the land, more family farmers, healthful food for all, and resilient communities

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If “Yes,” describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If “Yes,” describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization’s three largest program services by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a	(Code) (Expenses \$ 347,194 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 5,625)
	Food Systems - Community-Based Food Systems and Economic Development assists farmers, businesses and communities to access more healthful food produced with multiple environmental and social benefits through community-based businesses and approaches that maintain values of stewardship, fairness, and accessibility to all This past year LSP in southeastern MN Co-organized six events about local and sustainably foods, Initiated a partnership on local foods with a K-5 rural school, Co-sponsored a workshop on High Tunnel production, and Partnered with Winona State University’s Sustainable Food initiative to host field days and presentations In the St Croix River Valley, LSP Engaged numerous farmers, restaurants and institutions in expanding local markets for area growers and protecting ecological resources, Hosted the Buy Fresh Buy Local (BFBL) chapter, and Served as regional coordinator for MN BFBL chapters In the Twin Cites, LSP Initiated a food justice initiative, With partners, got a racial justice assessment included in Homegrown Minneapolis, and Published a directory of 43 Community Supported Agriculture farms

4b	(Code) (Expenses \$ 307,340 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 5,000)
	Policy and Organizing - Policy and Organizing works at the local, state and federal levels to educate and engage members and citizens to strengthen their communities and foster land stewardship through democratic participation At the federal level LSP sought annual appropriations and improvement in the implementation of the Conservation Stewardship Program and Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program engaging farmers and providing information to Congress and USDA officials in Washington These farm programs, as well as the Child Nutrition Act at the federal level, can advance sustainable agriculture LSP and collaborators also assembled 25,000 signatures for a petition to the USDA to suspend loans for new or expanding large hog and poultry factory farms Working at the Minnesota legislature LSP and partners brought forward proposals that supported family farmers, growth of regional food markets and land stewardship and successfully opposed legislation to weaken factory farm regulations for the largest operations Additionally, LSP Co-produced the report The Syngenta Corporation & Atrazine The Cost to the Land, People and Democracy and jointly asked the Environmental Protection Agency to be transparent in its review of Atrazine, Served on the Natural Resources Conservation Service’s State Technical Committee and other advisory panels, Organized the Family Farm Breakfast attended by 250 lawmakers, LSP members and friends, Held three organizing meetings with over 100 members in central and southeast MN, Recruited members to participate in several Centro Campesino organizing events including those on immigration reform, Organized for health care reform, and Engaged Winona County members to participate in updating the comprehensive planning/zoning ordinance

4c	(Code) (Expenses \$ 305,744 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 59,049)
	Farm Beginnings - Farm Beginnings is a farmer-led educational training program designed to help beginning and transitioning farmers learn about and plan to adopt low-capital, environmentally sound farming businesses Staff and members organize community support in two 20-county regions of Minnesota and bordering states Over 480 people have taken the LSP-led Farm Beginnings course since 1998 According to respondents from a recent survey, sixty percent are actively farming This past year LSP Held two Farm Beginnings courses for 39 families at St Joseph, MN and River Falls, WI and ten field days/skills sessions for 230 people, Distributed \$7,000 in scholarships to qualified applicants, Made one livestock loan to a qualified farmer, Created an advanced training program with two day-long winter programs serving over 40 people, Published the 2010 Farmer Network Handbook, Reached out to 20 prospective Hmong farmers and 7 prospective Latino farmers, Engaged interested course graduates in core LSP programs and supported them in community leadership, Strengthened beginning farmer training across the country by forming a multi-state collaborative with nine organizations licensing LSP’s course in northeastern MN, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, New York, and three programs in Illinois through which 120 people have taken Farm Beginnings and related programs, and Facilitated a day-long planning session for Pike County Agnbusiness Authority in GA LSP also hosted the "Seeking Farmers-Seeking Land Clearinghouse" with 49 postings to identify options for farmers and land

4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O) See also Additional Data for Description
	(Expenses \$ 297,875 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 99,148)

4e	Total program service expenses \$ 1,258,153
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Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1	Yes
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	2	Yes
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	Yes
5	Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6	No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	Yes
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8	No
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9	No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10	Yes
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.	11	Yes
	• Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.		
	• Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.		
	• Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.		
	• Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.		
	• Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.		
	• Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.		
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	12	Yes
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year?	Yes	No
	If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional	12A	No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I	14b	No
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U S? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II	15	No
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U S? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III	16	No
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I	17	No
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20	No

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23		No
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b–24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	34		No
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35		No
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable	1a11		
	b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?			1c	Yes
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a27		
	b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)			
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		3a	No
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O			3b	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		4a	No
	b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		5a	No
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			5b	No
c If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?			5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		6a	No
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?			6b	
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).				
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?			7a	Yes
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?			7b	Yes
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?			7c	No
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year			7d	
e Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?			7e	No
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			7f	No
g For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			7g	Yes
h For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?			7h	Yes
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?			8	
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.				
a Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			9a	
b Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			9b	
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter				
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12			10a	
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities			10b	
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter				
a Gross income from members or shareholders			11a	
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)			11b	
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?			12a	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year			12b	

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body . . .	1a	12	
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent . . .	1b	12	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? . . .	3		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? . . .	5		No
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6	Yes	
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a		No
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? . . .	7b		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9		No

Section B. Policies

(This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

			Yes	No
10a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a		No
b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	10b		
11	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11	Yes	
11A	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990			
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes	
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes	
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c	Yes	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes	
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?			
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes	
	If "Yes" to line a or b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions)			
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a		No
b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed▶MN , WI
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. ☐ Own website ☒ Another's website ☒ Upon request
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table.
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ▶ Ronald J Rengel 821 E 35TH STREET SUITE 200 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55407 (612) 722-6377

Part VII

Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization’s tax year Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed

- List all of the organization’s **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid
- List all of the organization’s **current** key employees See instructions for definition of "key employee "
- List the organization’s five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization’s **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization’s **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors , institutional trustees , officers , key employees , highest compensated employees , and former such persons

☐ Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current or former officer, director, trustee or key employee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
dennis johnson CHAIR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
SANDY OLSON-LOY VICE CHAIR	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
heidt morlock BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
BONNIE HAUGEN BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
alan hoffman SECRETARY/TREASURER	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
LOU ANNE KLING BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
tex hawkins BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
KATHLEEN MARY KIEMAN BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
FLORENCE MINAR BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						85	0	0
DAN SPECHT BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
RHYS WILLIAMS BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						57	0	0
SISTER MARY TACHENY BOARD EMERITUS	1 00	X						0	0	0
JULIET TOMKINS BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
KIM BARTMANN BOARD MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
GEORGE BOODY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	50 00			X				60,950	0	25,989
RONALD RENGEL MGR OF ADMIN AND FINANCE	42 00			X				52,783	0	21,922

1b	Total	113,875	0	47,911
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2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization 0

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1	Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization		
	(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
2	Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization 0		

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c					
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	271,670				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	1,128,325				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1,399,995				
Program Service Revenue			Business Code					
	2a	SALES & SERVICE REVENUE	110,000	83,098	83,098			
	b	MEMBERSHIP DUES	900,099	76,895	76,895			
	c	FARMLAND REVENUE	110,000	8,829	8,829			
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		168,822				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		7,913			7,913	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . .						
	5	Royalties						
	6a	Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	b	Less rental expenses						
	c	Rental income or (loss)						
	d	Net rental income or (loss)						
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
				600,000				
				334,016				
				265,984				
	d	Net gain or (loss)		265,984			265,984	
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a	3,853				
			b	2,254				
			c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . .	1,599			1,599
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a					
			b					
c			Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . .					
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a						
		b						
		c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . .					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11a								
b								
c								
d	All other revenue							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d							
12	Total revenue. See Instructions		1,844,313	168,822	0	275,496		

Part IX

Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	162,027	105,289	52,391	4,347
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	668,341	583,052	48,514	36,775
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	18,826	14,632	2,828	1,366
9	Other employee benefits	190,928	150,126	28,049	12,753
10	Payroll taxes	64,130	54,546	6,538	3,046
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal	10,038	5,232	4,806	
c	Accounting	10,507		10,507	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other	90,739	83,383	5,344	2,012
12	Advertising and promotion				
13	Office expenses	101,036	74,924	5,052	21,060
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	65,278	55,264	7,045	2,969
17	Travel	59,378	56,091	2,728	559
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	23,096	22,749	168	179
20	Interest	3,678	2,698	980	
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	26,517	22,708	2,651	1,158
23	Insurance	2,408		2,408	
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a	equip service/Purchase	20,473	17,652	1,740	1,081
b	PROGRAM EXPENSES	5,078	5,078		
c	MISCELLANEOUS	3,083	2,571	512	
d	website	2,278	2,158		120
e					
f	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	1,527,839	1,258,153	182,261	87,425
26	Joint costs. Check here ☒ if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X

Balance Sheet

					(A)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			52,364	1	148,775
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			623,281	2	943,406
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			368,809	3	433,809
	4	Accounts receivable, net			1,078	4	
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L				5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) Complete Part II of Schedule L				6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use			4,449	8	3,728
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			24,570	9	30,888
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	197,678	423,068	10c	90,541
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b	107,137			
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities			10,570	11	15,985
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11				12	151,446
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11				13	
	14	Intangible assets				14	
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11				15	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			1,508,189	16	1,818,578	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			41,863	17	45,423
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue				19	500
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities				20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D				21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L				22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			3,861	23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties				24	
	25	Other liabilities Complete Part X of Schedule D			68,571	25	77,471
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25			114,295	26	123,394
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets			331,026	27	915,063
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			1,062,868	28	780,121
	29	Permanently restricted net assets				29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.						
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds				30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund				31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds				32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances			1,393,894	33	1,695,184
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			1,508,189	34	1,818,578	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . .		No
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	Yes	
c If "Yes," to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both ☐ Separate basis ☒ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separated basis		
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits . . .		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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2009

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
LAND STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

Employer identification number
41-1466054

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

1

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A church, convention of churches, or association of churches **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2

☐

A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E)

3

☐

A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4

☐

A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state

5

☐

An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)

6

☐

A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7

☒

An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

8

☐

A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

9

☐

An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)

10

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An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See**section 509(a)(4).**

11

☐

An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h

a

☐

Type I

b

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Type II

c

☐

Type III - Functionally integrated

d

☐

Type III - Other

e

☐

By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)

f

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If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box

g

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Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i)

a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?

(ii)

a family member of a person described in (i) above?

(iii)

a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

h

☐

Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1,489,828	1,533,313	1,120,885	1,593,166	1,399,995	7,137,187
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	1,489,828	1,533,313	1,120,885	1,593,166	1,399,995	7,137,187
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						1,409,764
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						5,727,423

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	1,489,828	26,516	1,120,885	1,593,166	1,399,995	7,137,187
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	4,753	26,516	31,401	26,771	16,742	106,183
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets						
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						7,243,370

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)

12306,286

13 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	79 070 %
15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	77 060 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b 33 1/3% support test—2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
18 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions		

Part IIISupport Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7aAmounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
bAmounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
cAdd lines 7a and 7b						
8Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9Amounts from line 6						
10aGross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
bUnrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
cAdd lines 10a and 10b						
11Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12.)						
14First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	
16Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	
18Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a33 1/3% support tests—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b33 1/3% support tests—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
20Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions		

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions

SCHEDULE C

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.**

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Inspection

If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered “Yes,” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, line 35a (regarding proxy tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization LAND STEWARDSHIP PROJECT	Employer identification number 41-1466054
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV
- 2 Political expenditures ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Volunteer hours _____

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 4a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt funtion activities ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$ _____
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5 State the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-

Part II-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

A

Check

☐

if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group

B

Check

☐

if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing Organization's Totals	(b) Affiliated Group Totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)		1,872													
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		16,731													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		18,603													
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		1,509,236													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		1,527,839													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns		226,392													
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Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		56,598													
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-		0													
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-		0													
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		☐ Yes ☐ No													

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount	208,986	205,493	214,739	226,392	855,610
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					1,283,415
c Total lobbying expenditures	56,085	44,329	24,425	18,603	143,442
d Grassroots non-taxable amount	52,247	51,373	53,685	56,598	213,903
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					320,855
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	3,113	8,178	4,202	1,872	17,365

Part II-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

		(a)		(b)
		Yes	No	Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
	a Volunteers?			
	b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
	c Media advertisements?			
	d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
	e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
	f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
	g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
	h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
	i Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV			
	j Total lines 1c through 1i			
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

		Yes	No
1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3	Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

Part III-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, line 3 is answered "Yes".

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2	Section 162(e) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a	Current year	2a	
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV

Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, and Part II-B, line 1i. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation

SCHEDULE D

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

► **Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.**
► **Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.**

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LAND STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

Employer identification number

41-1466054

Part I

Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes☐ No	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit ☐ Yes☐ No	

Part II

Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1	Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply) ☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure)☐ Preservation of an historically importantly land area ☐ Protection of natural habitat☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure ☒ Preservation of open space											
2	Complete lines 2a–2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year											
		<table><tr><td></td><td>Held at the End of the Year</td></tr><tr><td>a</td><td>Total number of conservation easements</td></tr><tr><td>b</td><td>Total acreage restricted by conservation easements</td></tr><tr><td>c</td><td>Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)</td></tr><tr><td>d</td><td>Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06</td></tr></table>		Held at the End of the Year	a	Total number of conservation easements	b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06
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d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06											
3	Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ► _____											
4	Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► _____ 1											
5	Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☒ Yes☐ No											
6	Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► _____ 16 00											
7	Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$ _____											
8	Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☒ Yes☐ No											
9	In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements											

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items	
b	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items	
	(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	► \$ _____
	(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X	► \$ _____
2	If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items	
a	Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	► \$ _____
b	Assets included in Form 990, Part X	► \$ _____

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3

Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a

☐

Public exhibition

b

☐

Scholarly research

c

☐

Preservation for future generations

d

☐

Loan or exchange programs

e

☐

Other

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current Year	(b)Prior Year	(c)Two Years Back	(d)Three Years Back	(e)Four Years Back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions	150,000				
c Investment earnings or losses	1,466				
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	151,466				

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 100 000 % %

b

Permanent endowment ▶ %

c

Term endowment ▶ %

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i) unrelated organizations

3a(i)

Yes

No

(ii) related organizations

3a(ii)

No

b

If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

3b

4

Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		5,000		5,000
b Buildings		56,955	35,069	21,887
c Leasehold improvements		40,505		40,505
d Equipment		95,218	72,068	23,149
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				90,541

Schedule D (Form 990) 2009

Part XIReconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements		
1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	11,844,313
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	21,527,839
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	316,474
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	
6	Investment expenses	
7	Prior period adjustments	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8-15,184
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9-15,184
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10301,290

Part XIIReconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return		
1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	11,844,313
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12	
a	Net unrealized gains on investments2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 13	31,844,313
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1	
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b4c	0
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)5	51,844,313

Part XIIIReconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return		
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	11,543,023
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	
a	Donated services and use of facilities2a	
b	Prior year adjustments2b	
c	Other losses2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)2d15,184	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d2e	15,184
3	Subtract line 2e from line 13	31,527,839
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:	
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)5	51,527,839

Part XIVSupplemental Information		
Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.		
Part II, Line 9	Description of How O rganization Reports Conservation Easements	We use a zero-value approach in that the easement itself has no residual positive value we will set aside an on going escrow account of up to \$30,000 and no less \$15,000 to monitoring and enforcement in perpetuity
Part X	Description of Uncertain Tax Positions Under FIN 48	LSP is not currently under examination by any taxing jurisdiction. Federal and state tax authorities generally have the right to examine returns for a period of three years after they are filed.
Part XI, Line 8 - Other Adjustments		LOSS ON UNCOLLECTIBLE PLEDGES -15184
Part XIII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments		loss on uncollected pledges 15184

SCHEDULE O

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI		THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS AUTHORIZED TO ACT IN LIEU OF THE FULL BOARD BETWEEN REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS IF IT DOES SO, IT MUST REPORT TO THE NEXT FULL BOARD MEETING ABOUT ITS ACTIONS THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD CONSTITUTE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 6		Voting members are the Board of Directors LSP also has non-voting members

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11		LSP gives the audit firm the necessary information to prepare the 990. A draft of the 990 is reviewed by management, management reviews the 990 with the Board Executive Committee and then with the full Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has final approval of the 990.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c		All payments to interested parties are reviewed by the Executive Director and Accountant, and if necessary by the Board Chair

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15		The Executive Committee review s the Executive Directors performance and recommends salary increases to the full board The salary is based on comparison salaries that can be found in the Minnesota Council of Non-profits' "Salary and Benefits Survey" The Executive Director review s other key employees and salaries are based on performance and salary guidelines found in the Minnesota Council of Non-profits' "Salary and Benefits Survey" This is also used to update an employee salary schedule used by supervisors

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		Governing documents are registered with the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office, and are available to the public. Financial statements can be obtained through federal, Minnesota State, or Dun & Bradstreet offices. Conflict of interest policy must be requested from LSP.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part XI, Line 2c		The process has not changed from prior years

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 41-1466054
Name: LAND STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

4d. Other program services

(Code)	(Expenses \$ 78,617	including grants of \$	(Revenue \$)
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Communications - LSP disseminates information to the general public about LSP's work and key issues in sustainable agriculture, healthful food, and rural development with regard to stewardship and social justice This past year LSP Published three issues of The Land Stewardship Letter (about 2,600 copies per edition), Distributed press releases (45) on sustainable agriculture issues and breaking news to 200 media outlets in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota, Researched and prepared three new Myth Buster fact sheets, Published 12 LIVE-WIRE electronic newsletters, Produced 18 new (for a total of 69) Ear to the Ground podcasts on their website, Secured other stories through earned media, Wrote a weekly blog on food and sustainable agriculture for the Loon Commons blog page, Submitted bi-weekly articles on food, agriculture and environmental issues for the Twin Cities Daily Planet website, Wrote 15 stories for other outlets, and Maintained a web-site with up-to-date information

(Code)	(Expenses \$ 169,334	including grants of \$	(Revenue \$ 77,765)
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Membership and Outreach - LSP takes a membership-based, organizing approach in all its work Strong leadership development is essential, as member steering committees set priorities, develop strategies, and member leaders assist with all its programs within the context of broad priorities set by the board LSP had 2,197 household members paid during the year ended June 30, 2010, and approximately 1,500 engaged members who contributed time to work on LSP's Board, Steering Committees, lead Farm Beginnings sessions, participated in programs, volunteered in the offices, and responded to action alerts Additionally, 1,400 non-members participated in electronic action alerts and social networking To help members and other citizens become further involved in its mission, LSP Responded to requests for information on a variety of subjects, Initiated an organizational member leader training and engagement effort, Provided information at conferences and meetings on LSP programs, Published a digital and paper version of the Stewardship Food Network, which lists 195 farms, retailers, and restaurants that provided regionally and sustainably-raised food, Co-organized CROP WALK in Montevideo, MN, Improved data quality for the organization, Gave presentations at local, state, national events on a variety of topics, and Participated in coalitions such as the Campaign for Family Farms, Health Care Without Harm, Minnesota Environmental Fund, Minnesota Environmental Partnership, National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, and the Rural Coalition

(Code)	(Expenses \$ 42,429	including grants of \$	(Revenue \$ 8,829)
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Farm Legacy Initiative - Maintained, rented and sold to a farm family Renville County farmland that was donated to LSP, and Implemented the Land and Stewardship Legacies initiative to provide a leg-up for beginning farmers while they develop knowledge as well as equipment and livestock infrastructures This initiative also helps provide long-term financial resources to LSP

(Code)	(Expenses \$ 7,495	including grants of \$	(Revenue \$ 12,554)
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OTHER - LSP 1 Continued to distribute the Monitoring Tool Box 2 Provided accounting services to Minnesota Environmental Partnership and served on MEP's board of directors and other governing committees